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In re Application of:

DIETMAR EGGERT
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For: ELECTROSTATIC DISCHARGE
PROTECTION NETWORK
HAVING DISTRIBUTED
COMPONENTS

Group Art Unit: 2836

Examiner: KIM NGOC HUYNH

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Sir:

The Office Mailed a Notice of Allowance on September 5, 2006, allowing all of the pending claims 1-24. The due date for paying the Issue Fee is December 5, 2006. This paper is being filed on October 5, 2006, therefore it is timely filed.

Applicants conducted a telephone interview with the Examiner on August 22, 2006 and authorization was given for the Examiner's Amendment dated September 5, 2006, accompanying the Notice of Allowance. Applicant agreed to the suggested amendments to claims 1, 2, 4, 18, 21 23, and to reinsert claim 24, which was inadvertently omitted from the previous response to office action. Additionally, Applicant submits herewith a copy of the amended Abstract. Further, Applicant submits herewith pages 1/5 and 2/5 of the drawings as requested by the Examiner.

It seems that, for convenience, the Examiner has paraphrased the claimed language in the Reasons for Allowance. While the Applicant understands the Examiner's desire to use convenient phraseology, the Applicant notes that the proper scope of the claims should be governed based on the express language of the claims themselves in the event there is any inconsistency (actual or perceived) between the claimed language and the Examiner's paraphrasing. Furthermore, words used in the Examiner's paraphrasing should not be construed as claim limitations if the claims themselves do not include the language referenced by the Examiner. Other references or characterizations made by the Examiner in his Reasons for Allowance that are not present in the claims are not to be construed as limitations.

The intended respective scopes of the claims are defined by the respective languages recited in the claims.

Should the Examiner have any questions, **the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney** at the Houston, Texas telephone number (713) 934-4069.

Respectfully submitted,

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